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For: GENE DISRUPTION  
METHODOLOGIES FOR  
DRUG TARGET DISCOVERY

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the period of three (3) month up to and including May 13, 2004.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.